ABOUT YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY

By Donald H. Renner

It is possible occasionally for social security benefits to be increased after an individual has started receiving payments. There are certain requirements, however, before a recomputation (as the increase is termed) can be used.

There are two main recomputations that are used at present. The first is called a current year recomputation and is the easiest one to receive. It simply means that the earnings in the year that an application for benefits is filed can be added to the other earnings. For example, a person filing for benefits in November continues to work until the end of the year. His total earnings are as much or more than the earnings for the previous years, which were used in figuring his benefit amount. In those cases the current year's earnings are then added to the other amounts and his benefit is increased. This recomputation is available, however, only when the benefit will be increased.

The other major recomputation is called a work recomputation. If a person makes over $1200 in a year after he has started receiving a benefit, and if these earnings, added to the earnings previously used, could increase the amount of his check, he is entitled to this recomputation. An application for this recomputation cannot be filed until July following the year in which he made over $1200. For example, a person earning $1700 in 1959 could not apply to have his benefit increased until July of 1960.

There is no way to have an individual benefit increased except by a recomputation based on earnings in or after the year of filing. However, Congress can approve an across-the-board increase for everyone receiving benefits, as it did in January of 1959. If you think you might be entitled to a recomputation or would like to discuss the possibility, contact your nearest social security office, 112 Langhorne Road, Lynchburg, Virginia, or see the Field Representative who is in the Court House in Appomattox on the fourth Monday of each month at 10:00 A. M.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What can you tell about the weather by observing the brightness of the stars?

The stars, and the moon, if watched carefully, will tell you something about the layer of gas that is above you — your weather. Have you ever noticed that on some nights the stars seem as bright as diamonds?

Allowing for this probability more often in winter, this is an indication that clear, clean air is overhead, free of dust particles. I predicted immediately after a rainy period, it means fair weather, and probably for a couple of days. Often it denotes a high pressure area moving in.

Maritime air, while often clear, is also often not as clear as polar air. Moist maritime air, dusty air and unclean air, so to speak, dims the glow of the stars. Cold-front air masses from the polar regions most often produce the diamonds in the sky in all their sparkle.

About The Home

By Frances Dell

The American homemaker of today has very definite ideas about what she wants in her home. It seems we want more space and more built-ins, more storage area and cabinets and work surfaces.

The American kitchen has become the most "lived-in" area for wives and mothers — in the home. For this reason, it often comes in for more attention and planning than any other room.

When discussing their new homes, women stress the importance of the neighborhood. Luxury is not as important as proximity to the schools, public transportation, and shopping centers.

Most women will choose to have a dining room, plus separate dens or workrooms for their husbands.

Two baths are a "must." Large closets with sliding doors, a family room for children besides their bedrooms, and planned storage for out-of-season clothes, rugs and drapes are popular.

The U-shaped kitchen is more in demand today, rather than the L-shape of the past. The lunch bar is being replaced by tables in the kitchen, where the family can sit in comfort for a meal.

Dishwashers and built-ins, such as chopping boards, bread boxes and flour bins are the order of the day. Natural wood cabinets are preferred over steel.

Patios are popular, along with carports. Northerners want basements and garages for winter playrooms. Floridians want Florida rooms.

BENEFIT CHECKS

Benefit checks from the Veterans Administration may be sent directly to the beneficiary's bank for deposit to his account, provided the bank has been given the required power of attorney, Carlton W. Bragg, Officer-in-charge of the Lynchburg VA Office reported today.

A special U. S. Treasury form is available for the purpose of assigning the power of attorney to the beneficiary's bank. This arrangement is convenient for veterans who travel and those who have frequent changes of address which make it difficult for them to receive their checks with regularity, Bragg pointed out.

A complete explanation of the arrangement and the necessary forms may be obtained by contacting any VA office.

Contrary to former legal requirements that a check could not be forwarded to a beneficiary who has moved, checks in payment of monetary benefits may now be forwarded, provided the addressee has left a forwarding address with the post office, Bragg said.

Porter leaves $18,000 to hospital he worked in.

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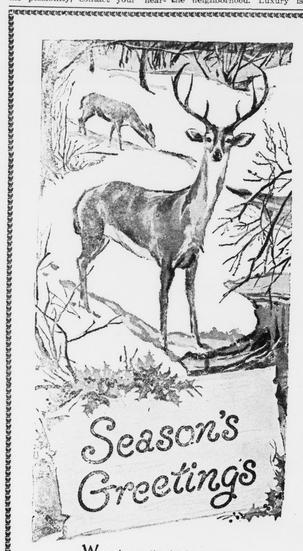

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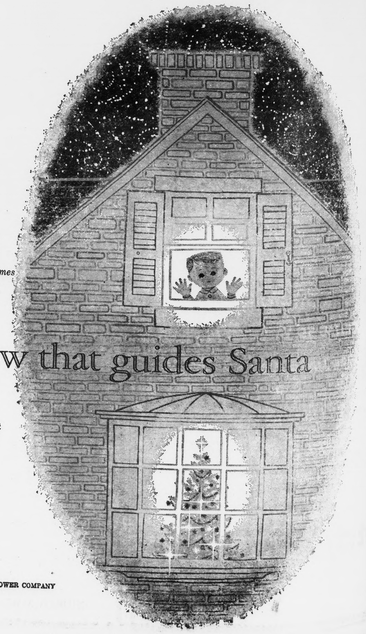

Some of the glow comes from friendly lights on a tree parents trimmed with love.

The glow that guides Santa

And some—an even stronger glow—comes from the heart of a trusting child.

No wonder Santa never misses.

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ICTURE FOR 1960

dustry currently is ee balance between ed consumption at mar- at any time since

economists at VPI the situation for the is expected to contin- milk production in the dropped in 1959 for ar in a row, after set- h in 1957. This drop for primarily by the decline in milk cow beef prices showing g and with hog prices dairymen will have to cull as heavily dur- they have been during ears. Nevertheless, milk are likely to continue 1960 at a slower rate. per cow has been in- ally, but the average not yet raised the production per cow to

the United States, Virginia increased by ent from 1958 to drop in 1958. Deliver- milk in 1959 increas- 3 per cent from the while deliveries of man- ole milk declined by verage. This pattern inue through 1960, for manufacture like- ease less in 1960 than in only about 1 per cent.

umbers in Virginia per cent between June e 1959. This drop is average decrease of re- ld much less than the decrease between June e 1958.

embers are expected to only more than 1 per cent again in 1960. Over the past five years, production per cow in Virginia has increased an average of 160 pounds annually. A similar increase is expected for 1960.

With a favorable level of economic activity expected in 1960, per capita use of milk and dairy products should remain stable in 1960, but total consumption should rise with population changes both in the nation and in Virginia. Government purchases under the price support program for dairy products for the first half of the 1959-60 marketing year have been smaller than in any similar period since 1952.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY

Many homemakers are faced with the problem that their hands look older than they are. It is quite natural for hands to look older than other parts of the body; they are exposed to so many more washings.

All these washings - quite often in harsh soaps, rob the natural oils. Special care must be taken to restore the oils and moisture loss.

You can go a long way toward restoring the lost oils by using lotions and creams with emollient ingredients.

Most modern hand creams are moisturized. This helps to plump up the flesh of bony hands and to smooth the skin surface.

Take care to wear gloves to protect your hands these cold winter days. Use hand cream several times each day - after each exposure to water.

There are several hand creams on the market that contain a make up to hide unsightly spots on the hands that often come with age.

Give a subscription to the home county newspaper. Only $2.00 for twelve months.

Here it is again . . . the happiest time of all! Eyes are brighter, heads higher, hearts lighter! It is our sincere hope that the inspiration and joy of this festive season last the year through! Merry Christmas!

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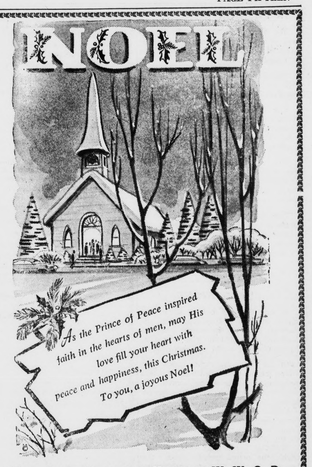
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